

NDE Bulletin
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ESEA and ARRA Funds

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ARRA FY 2009 Funds Waiver of Timeline for Availability of Funds

Nebraska has received approval of the waiver request for use extending the period of time for obligating FY2009 NCLB and ARRA funds. The waiver request was explained in the NDE Bulletins from September 11 and September 28, 2011. Approval means that districts will be able to continue to obligate and spend funds originally awarded in July 2009 for the programs involved.

PLEASE have patience and stay tuned for further NDE Bulletins and notifications as we work to define all the implications of this waiver. First, the NCLB Consolidated Application for 2010-11 and the ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application for 2009-10 will be reopened. New Grant Award Notifications (GAN) will need to be created for districts indicating the new closing date (still to be determined). The actions or steps that districts will need to take to ensure use of their funds depends on the closeout status of these applications. Whenever possible, districts will receive direct notification from the Federal Programs or Financial Services staff.

Continuing Resolution for Federal Budget

Congress has passed another Continuing Resolution to keep the federal government running until December 16, 2011. This Continuing Resolution also includes the 1.5% reduction for Title I and Title II programs. NDE is still working to get the reductions into the Grants Management System (GMS). For the present, the 2011-12 ESEA Consolidated Application is still "on hold".

NSSRS Student Grades: Changes to 2011-2012 Reporting Requirements

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Significant changes to the NSSRS Student Grades reporting requirements will be in effect for the current 2011-2012 school year. The changes primarily impact the reporting of courses completed during summer school and include:

1. Only summer school courses completed by students assigned to grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 are to be reported.
2. NDE Staff ID to be blank on all courses completed during summer school.
3. Controlling District Code to be blank on all courses completed during summer school.
4. School Number to be "000" on all courses completed during summer school.
5. Separate Student Grades files for courses completed during summer will be uploaded to a separate collection from courses completed during the regular school year.
6. Courses completed during summer school may be associated with either the prior school year or subsequent school year.

The following **documents** have been updated to reflect the new reporting requirements, which are available on the NSSRS Resources page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>):

- NSSRS Student Templates Instruction Manual (version 6.2.0 dated November 23, 2011, refer to "Appendix A: Change Summary")
- Guidance for Reporting Student Grades Template (version 2.0.0 dated November 23, 2011, refer to "Appendix A: Change Summary")
- 2011-2012 NSSRS Calendar (dated November 23, 2011)

An 8-minute “NSSRS Student Grades and Summer School Reporting” **video** summarizing the changes is also available.

- Video: http://www.education.ne.gov/Movies/Data/NSSRS_Update_Nov_2011.mov

Presentation:

http://www.education.ne.gov/NSSRS/training/2011_Student_Grades_for_Summer_School.ppt